BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LODI GAS STORAGE, L.L.C. To Amend Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Construction and Operation of Gas Storage Facilities. (U-912-G)

Application 04-03-030 (Filed March 26, 2004)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING TIME FOR FILING PROTESTS AND RESPONSES TO THE APPLICATION

On March 26, 2004, Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C. (LGS) filed a motion, concurrently with its application to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN), requesting that the time for parties to file protests and responses to this application be shortened to 15 calendar days from the filing date, and the time for LGS to file a reply to the protests and responses be shortened to 5 calendar days from the filing of the protests and responses. LGS mailed a copy of the application and motion to each appearance in Application (A.) 98-11-012 [the proceeding in which the Commission issued LGS' CPCN which LGS now seeks to amend], as well as on all landowners whose property is implicated by the gas storage reservoir. LGS argues that expeditious treatment of this application is necessary so that LGS can conclude the necessary drilling work to make available the additional storage capacity, market the storage rights, and inject the gas into storage for the upcoming winter peak season.

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In order for the Commission to be able to consider this application expeditiously if circumstances warrant, I grant LGS' motion shortening time for the filing of protests and responses to the application, as well as the reply thereto, as set forth more fully in the ruling paragraphs below.¹

IT IS RULED that:

- 1. Lodi Gas Storage L.L.C.'s (LGS) motion for an order shortening time for parties to file protests and responses to its March 26, 2004, application to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity, and for LGS to file a reply thereto, is granted to the extent set forth below.
- 2. Parties shall file protests and responses to LGS' application pursuant to Article 12 (beginning with Rule 44 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure) by Wednesday, April 14, 2004. Reply comments shall be filed by Monday, April 19, 2004.
- 3. Because there is no official service list for this application, the Commission's Process Office shall serve this ruling on the service list for Application (A.) 98-11-012, as well as on applicant's counsel. Additionally, no later than April 1, 2004, LGS shall serve this ruling on all landowners whose property is implicated by the gas storage reservoir, who LGS served with its initial application, as well as on all other persons LGS served with its application who are not on the service list of A.98-11-012. LGS shall file a proof of service with this Commission within five days of such service.

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4. Any interested person who files a response or protest to the application shall serve it on (a) all appearances in A.98-11-012 (a copy of this service list is attached as Appendix A); (b) counsel for applicant, and (c) the undersigned Chief Administrative Law Judge.

Dated March 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Chief Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time For Filing Protests And Responses To The Application on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

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